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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

A three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action dated June 15, 2001 for the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested. A check in the amount of \$460.00 for a three-month extension of time is enclosed herewith.

Responsive to the Office action mailed on June 15, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification ✓

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 2 to page 1. line 4 as follows:

This is a continuation of application No.

08/839,199 (now U.S. patent 6,036,702), filed April 23,

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